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Subject: Re: use of back-country in emergency?

I HAD OCCASION TO DO QUITE A BIT OF FLYING IN THE NORTH FORK OF THE SUN RIVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO LAND AT GATES PARK OR PRETTY PRAIRIE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. IT IS A REAL COMFORT TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE THERE.

SAME IS TRUE ON THE MIDDLE FORK.

OF COURSE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THIS AIRSTRIPS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AT LEAST A LIMITED BASIS BUT AT A MINIMUM THEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR SAFETY.

I GUESS AN EMERGENCY LANDING AT AN ABANDONED AIRSTRIP, REGARDLESS OF THE CONDITION, WOULD BE BETTER THAN THE ALTERNATIVES BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE RUNWAY CONDITION IS NOT UNSAFE AND WOULD NOT PRESENT HAZARDS THAT ARE NOT APPARENT.

I CANNOT DOCUMENT EMERGENCY USE PERSONALLY BUT TUCK BARRETT FROM CASCADE, MT. WOULD CERTAINLY KNOW MORE THAN MOST OF US ABOUT THIS MATTER.

GOOD LUCK